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TOPIC Staaken Airfield

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1. On 17 April 1952, 15 to 18 twin-engine transports were parked in front of the hangars at Staaken airfield. Between 17 and 24 April, there was intensive day and night flying by these aircraft, even in hazy and rainy weather. Every day about 9 a.m., a bus hauled soldiers from a building at the field to Richthofen Kaserne in Doeberitz. All of the soldiers were probably parachutists since they wore insignia representing an open parachute with a jumper. *

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2. On 20 April, only 6 biplanes and 1 twin-engine transport were in front of the hangar at the field. There was no flying although the weather was favorable. On 6 May, 6 twin-engine transports, 4 biplanes and 1 single-engine, high-wing monoplane were observed at the field. At about 11:15 a.m., a twin-engine plane took off. On 7 May, 2 transports with the white numbers 7 and 9 and with yellow trailing edges on their rudder assemblies took off. On 8 May, there was the same air activity by four transports with the white numbers 7, 9, 21 and 24. Planes Nos 21 and 24 had an insignia the lower section of which was yellow and the upper section, red. All four planes had a white rim on the rear edge of their rudder assemblies and a lateral stripe on their rudder assemblies. After three or four flights lasting 10 to 15 minutes, four men of the crew were changed. A total of 10 twin-engine transports, 2 biplanes and 1 single-engine, high-wing monoplane were stationed at the field. During the air activity, 1 radio truck with a red antenna, 1 fire truck, 1 tank truck and 3 trucks were observed on the landing field. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field [redacted]

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* [redacted] Comment. Some of the transports observed at Staaken airfield do not belong to the squadron stationed there since this unit is only equipped with about 10 IL-2s. The aircraft apparently assembled at the field for a combined exercise with parachute units. Source previously submitted detailed information on the occupation of the barracks installations in Doeberitz. [redacted]

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[redacted] It has not been possible to identify the parachute unit quartered in Richthofen Kaserne. This unit is apparently not assigned to the ground attack division stationed there.

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** [redacted] Comment. These statements indicate that Staaken airfield is still occupied by an air transport squadron.